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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit 2665  
Examiner Toan Nguyen

In Re: Ross W. Callon et al.  
Case: IBN-0002  
Serial No.: 09/113,491  
Filed: July 10, 1998  
Subject: System and Method for Facilitating Recovery from  
Communication Link Failures in a Digital Data Network

To the Commissioner for Patent  
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Dear Sir:

**Response D****In the claims:**

All of the claims standing for examination are presented below with  
amendment status shown.

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1. (Previously canceled)
  2. (Currently Amended) A method of recovering from failures on a network having a plurality of nodes coupled by links over which data packets can be transferred between the nodes, each of a plurality of nodes storing information that associates links out of the node with destination nodes to which data packets can be transferred such that the node can forward data out of the node over a link